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Restoring Trust in Government: The Principles
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Lobbying Reform

1. Create an independent commission funded by a fee charged to registered lobbyists to ensure authenticity and accuracy of lobbying reports, disclosure and financial statements.
2. Require monthly lobbying reports and disclosures to be made online for expenditures on Members of Congress and staff. Create federal criminal penalties for intentionally misreporting.
3. Suspend former Members' floor privileges while they are a registered lobbyist.
4. Enact one year lobbying prohibition by senior Congressional staff to **ALL** Members, Committees and staff.
5. Extend the same one year lobbying prohibition to any Appropriations Committee or Subcommittee clerk who has responsibility for program funding levels.
6. Require lobbyists to disclose grassroots activities to the independent commission.

Members and Staff Administrative Reforms

1. Require random audits of Member's annual Financial Disclosure Statement.
2. Create criminal penalties for intentionally misrepresenting facts on the Financial Disclosure Statement for the purposes of hiding assets or activities.
3. Require all senior Congressional staff to file annual Financial Disclosure Statements.
4. Require the independent commission to affirmatively approve all privately funded travel by Members of Congress and staff.
5. Prohibit federal pensions to Members and staff who are convicted of any federal offense related to bribery.

Indian Gambling Reform

1. Enact two year moratorium on any new Indian casinos.
2. Make common sense reforms to the law which allows Indian tribes to build new casinos. Based on reforms found in H.R. 2353, ban off-reservation casinos, require strengthened background investigations, and require state Governor and Legislature to sign off on all new casinos.

Closing Campaign Finance Loopholes

1. Close the loophole which allows Indian tribes to spend unlimited corporate funds on elections throughout the entire election, unlike every other group.
2. Close the 527 loophole which allows wealthy individuals to contribute millions to influence elections.